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THE BEST KNOWN VALUE AND BEST KNOWN VALUE  
AVAILABLE FOR SECURITY AND CUSTOMER  
INFORMATION AS APPLIED TO REFERENCE DATA

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, the undersigned requests entry of the following amendments:

**Listing of the Claims** begins at page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin at page 4 of this paper.